

January, 2024  
**City of Two Rivers  
Newsletter**



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**COOL CITY CHRISTMAS:  
THANK YOU, SPONSORS  
AND VOLUNTEERS!**

Downtown Two Rivers was the focal point for the first-ever Cool City Christmas celebration on Saturday, December 16. The event was very well attended and got rave reviews--something tells us this may become a Two Rivers tradition!

The event was planned and organized by Two Rivers City Hall, the Parks and Rec Department, Two Rivers Historical Society, Two Rivers Rotary and Two Rivers Main Street.

Thank you to all of the sponsors who made this community Christmas celebration possible. Thanks also to the dozens of volunteers who worked hard all day to make sure the event went off without a hitch.

Special thanks to major donors that included Friends of the Two Rivers Senior Center, Community First Credit Union, Two Rivers Rotary and Lowes.



**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS BACK ON  
CABLE**

Spectrum Cable subscribers can once again view live broadcasts of City Council meetings on Channel 993. This includes regular meetings, held on the first and third Mondays and Work Sessions on last Monday of each month at 6:00 PM.

Council meetings are also streamed live via YouTube or the Two Rivers City Hall Facebook page. Past meetings can also be viewed at any time from these sources.

**SEWER RATE INCREASE EFFECTIVE  
JANUARY 1**

Due to increased costs for operations and capital projects, the 2024 City Budget identified the need for a four percent increase in revenues for the Sewer Utility. Such an increase amounts to about \$120,000 annually.

These additional funds will be raised by increasing the monthly fixed charge for sewer service by \$1.85, from \$17.00 to \$18.85. The increase was approved by the City Council on December 18, and will take effect starting January 2024.

## GARBAGE STICKER PRICES INCREASING IN 2024

In developing the 2024 Budget for the City's Solid Waste Utility, City staff and the City Council concurred on the need for increased revenues in support of that fund.

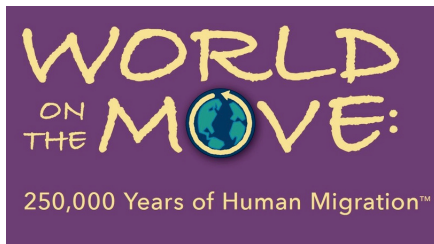
The Solid Waste Utility currently covers the cost of weekly garbage and recycling collection, landfill charges, street sweeping and Fall leaf collection. Revenue sources include a portion of the environmental fee on City utility bills, sticker fees, and state operating assistance.

Increased costs for collection services and landfilling, plus the City's direct costs for street sweeping and leaf collection were major contributors to a decision to increase the sticker fee from \$2.50 to \$3.00. This is the first increase in the sticker fee since 2009.

(In addition, the cost of street sweeping is being moved to the Storm Water Utility in 2024.)

**The current \$2.50 stickers will remain on sale through January 31, and can be used through Friday March 1.** The new, \$3.00 stickers will be the only stickers available for purchase starting February 1.

If you have any \$2.50 stickers "left over" after March 1, they can be turned in at City Hall during the month of March, for a credit against the purchase of new stickers.



The American Library Association named Lester Public Library in Two Rivers one of 15 libraries in the country to host a museum-quality exhibition examining human migration.

The new touring exhibit was developed by the American Anthropological Association and the Smithsonian's Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage.

Lester joins institutions including Houston, San Jose, and Kansas City, Kansas, public libraries in hosting the exhibition. Each library also receives a \$500 stipend to conduct programs and activities addressing the theme.

World on the Move: 250,000 Years of Human Migration aims to help people appreciate migration histories—their own and those of others—by drawing on case studies from across human history and the breadth of cultures.

The initiative cites among its main goals that visitors recognize that migration is a shared human experience, appreciate the complexity and diversity of migration stories, have the opportunity to share their own migration stories, and gain greater empathy towards migrants in their communities and elsewhere. Learn more about World on the Move at [understandingmigration.org](http://understandingmigration.org).

The Lester Public Library is host number seven of the tour; the exhibit is in Two Rivers March 18-April 26, 2024. The American tour ends in 2025 and the exhibit then moves on to locations in Europe.

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